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What are your past political activities (Offices held, candidate, volunteer, etc)

State Senator District 17 from 1988 to 2007. I was an intern for US Senator Ralph Yarborough and worked for State Senator Robert McBride when he represented District 17. I worked in many democratic campaigns and was a delegate to the State Convention and the Bernalillo County Convention.

Q10

Why are you seeking this office?

Our district has been largely ignored for the last 12 years, no capical projects to speak of and we were used as a stepping stone and now for leverage rather than service to people's needs. We are surrounded by gunfire every other evening and no response from the police - A PD doesn't investigate 'shots fired'. Here's the worst event this year: Caesar Chavez High School, a charter high school in ABQ was the target of a drive by shooting when two bullets pierced the walls and by luck no students were injured. APD didn't respond for 45 minutes! No city or state leader even noticed the occurrence. I was the only person who even came by to voice concern. I will stop the current war on Charter Schools - every student in NM is equal whether union or not. for change is now with a different attitude.

Q11

Have you or your business, if you are a business owner, ever been the subject of any state or federal tax liens? If yes, please explain.

Yes (please explain):

Several liens were paid in full.

Q12

No

Have you ever been involved in a personal or business bankruptcy proceeding? If yes, please explain.

Q13

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime in New Mexico or any other state? If yes, please explain.

Yes (please explain):

In 1972 I plead guilty to DWI first offense and attended the school. In 1992 I was arrested for DWI , the case was dismissed but I served a 90 day license suspension. The Journal ran a complete list of offenses - tickets - which I learned from in driver's school. Nothing since. No felony arrests.

Q14

State Budget: New Mexico's state budget provides for the state's recurring expenses such as general management, education, facility maintenance . . . etc. Other expenditures are not recurring, such as road construction, infrastructure expansion, . . . etc. What do you think is most important for New Mexico to do when there is surplus revenue?

Expansion of already existing state government programs to reach and serve more New Mexicans

Please explain your answer:

I am not in favor of ear marked funds. For years I invested our tax payer money in UNM's Maternity and infant care, young children's health care clinic, the DAV Transportation program to ferry veterans from all over the state to the VA which is still going on (because we made the program recurring), peanut butter and jelly, Hogares, and others all stopped getting funds after a new Senator replaced me.

Q15

Legislator funds: Legislators are usually provided funds for specific projects within their districts. How do you think these funds should be distributed to legislators?

Equally distributed to each legislator,

Briefly explain your answer :

We built Zia Little League fields, improved Highland Little League fields, replaced the Highland HS basketball Court when it was cracked, built weight rooms for Highland and Manzano High Schools. We built the Veterans Memorial and the ancillary building so there would be a continuing presence of Veterans at the Park. Built Phil Chacon Park and soccer fields at Wilson, Kennedy, and other Mid Schools. Nothing was done in the last 12 years - where'd the \$ go? At LA Mesa we got little cameras for the students and their creative work was beyond the pale. NOT brag just fact.

Q16

State Tax Code: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico completely restructure its tax code?

(no label)

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Comment:

Our tax structure is riddled with exemptions - non-profits take advantage

Q17

State Tax Code: Are you in favor of the current Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) system for NM or moving to a sales tax?

Explain your answer:

Neither are defensable now - no one has anything left to tax!

Q18

Crime: Do you believe that the crime rate and the court's handling of existing laws (sentencing, catch & release protocols, etc.) in New Mexico negatively impacts our ability to attract new businesses and industries to our state?

Yes,

Please explain your answer:

Only our Chamber of Commerce would approve continuing warrants from Metro Court in the hundreds of thousands making those citizens unemployable for charges they can't remember. We Incarcerate the wrong people for petty crimes after they forget to attend court - when they were contacted and reminded 80% appeared but a Supreme Court Judge thought that was 'coddling criminals' and the successful program was eliminated. It's a struggle for Justice. Women incarcerated get longer terms than men for the same crimes. I'm a volunteer NAACP Attorney -i've traveled the state for years and still go when called.

Q19

Energy: What is your position on government mandates for renewable energy like the Energy Transition Act?

Support,

Please explain your position:

The green new deal for NM! 🌎

Q20

Energy: NM's oil and gas producers were largely responsible for the dramatic increase in state tax revenue for 2019. Do you support effective land and resource management that allows these extractive industries to maximize production and budgetary support for NM?

Please briefly explain your answer:

It's gone - what are we talking about - you have to pay to sell oil! Climate change is not a joke.

Q21

Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is environmental regulation to protect New Mexico's land, air, and water?

(no label)

1 (Critical)

Briefly explain your answer:

The green new deal can be accomplished here in our state.

Q22

Regulation: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that New Mexico thoroughly review regulations to determine use and usefulness in regards to protecting citizens without unnecessarily overburdening business?

(no label)

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Please explain your answer:

Being in business is hard especially when our leaders have never earned a pay check. Unfortunately some business owners have been reckless then we have to answer for permanent environmental destruction and loss of life of workers injured on the job.

Q23

Land Grant Permanent Fund: Do you support or oppose increased distributions (above the current 5%) from the Land Grant Permanent Fund?

Support,

Please explain your answer:

I increased the Venture capital fund by 6 points over 2 years as the sole sponsor and without any expert witnesses - we set aside \$60 million dollars and even though the Governor raided the fund to run for President that money is still in the SIC for investment - venture capital can get our economy going. The legislature just increased the venture capital fund by a point and half to high fives all around, kinda funny to me. We started the film finance program when our union employees had to go to LA just to keep their health programs in tact. Now we're the best in the nation and compete with Canada. Business development should be our forte with two national labs.

Q24

Employment Laws: What is your position on government mandated employee benefits like sick leave, PTO,... etc?

Support,

Comments:

Until we close the wealth gap we're just bumping along as usual and workers are left behind.

Q25

Employment Laws: In recent years, legislation is proposed each session concerning the state's minimum wage. Please state how you feel wages should be determined and explain your answer.

Wages should be determined by government mandate, such as the recent increases in minimum wage

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Please explain your answer:

Otherwise it just doesn't happen

Q26

Workforce Development: On a scale of 1 (critical) to 5 (unimportant), how important do you feel is it that New Mexico's higher learning institutions offer technical and trade related degrees and certifications?

(no label)

1 (Critical)

Explain your reasoning:

Not everyone wants to study philosophy and journalism. Of course I can't fix anything.

Q27

Economic Incentives: On a scale of one (critical) to five (unimportant), how important is it that state incentives for businesses, such as LEDA, JTIP and tax abatement include mandatory achievement requirements for use of the money as well as enforceable claw back parameters, if those requirements are not met?

(no label)

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Please explain your answer:

We always go too far - John Morrow told me you can't help everyone.

Q28

Do you support an Article V, Convention of States to address proposals that would limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints (balanced budget amendment), and place term limits on federal officials?

Other,

Please explain your answer:

Tim Jennings and I passed a bill that required ICE to stay at the border, so i've fought that battle already - it was fun but didn't hold.

Q29

Is there anything else you would like to share about your candidacy or your desire to serve the people of your district?

I've taken money out of my political campaign so young people know you can run on ideas and guts alone. We'll see if I can still win - maybe if you spread the word.
